



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Whitman et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/944,230

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**For:** SPIN COATING FOR MAXIMUM  
FILL CHARACTERISTIC YIELDING A  
PLANARIZED THIN FILM SURFACE

**Examiner:** T. Dickey

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This Amendment, which is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 31, 2003, and the Advisory Action of March 24, 2004, is being filed on April 30, 2004, with a petition for one-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 6 of this paper.